

## Ferocious Fluffity

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Mr. Drake's second grade class has a new class pet. Fluffity appears to be a cute and docile hamster--but the kids soon discover that she is not the cuddly pet they expected. Will the class be able to tame this beast and bring peace back to their school?

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**Book Trailer/Author interview:** Official Book Trailer:

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=ferocious+fluffity+utube+video&view=detail&mid=3550E0D6E478813255193550E0D6E47881325519&FORM=VIRE>

**Nonfiction Online Article:**

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3756277>

**Food:** carrots

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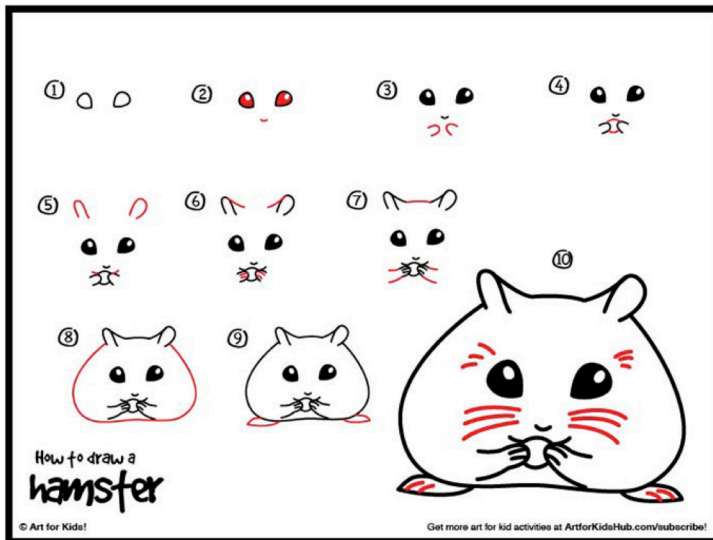
Nelson, Robin. *Pet Hamster*

**Introduction:**

- Begin with a hook: Imagine if, one day, your teacher walks in to class with a box with air holes and announces you are about to get a new class pet – what type of pet might you hope it to be? (then have them turn and talk to share their thinking with their partner)
- Share answers and discuss
- Show them a hamster puppet and tell them that in today's story, that is exactly what the teacher does and inside the box is a HAMSTER!!
- Before sharing the story, preteach the following words/phrases:
  - Overslept
  - Brute
  - Tenaciously
  - Prone to injury
- Have students generate predictions about the story based on the previously-taught vocabulary words/phrase

## Story time Activities:

- Directed drawing of a hamster: <https://www.artforkidshub.com/how-to-draw-a-hamster/>



- Persuasive Writing & Research Project: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Persuasive-Writing-and-Research-Lesson-Can-We-Get-A-Class-Pet-476752>

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think the author describes Fluffity as FEROCIOUS? What evidence from the text supports your answer? (She bit all of the students – pp. 5-6; chasing students down the hall – pp. 7-10; attacking Mr. Drake – p. 20-22)
2. What would you have done if you were a student in Mr. Drake's class? Why?
3. Review pp. 21 and 22, what else might the children have done to get Fluffity's mind off of BITING?
4. What lesson did Mr. Drake's students learn after this experience with Fluffity?
5. The story ends with a new class pet arriving in class. Work with your shoulder partner and write a new adventure for Jake and the students in Mr. Drake's class.